PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina was one of the worst natural disasters in our Nation's history and devastated the Gulf Coast Region; and

WHEREAS, City employees traveled to the affected area to help in the response and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, the teams spent time away from their homes and families to engage in many hours of stressful work; and

WHEREAS, this group made a significant and lasting contribution to the rebuilding process; and

WHEREAS, these employees can also apply the lessons they have learned to help this City during disasters; and

WHEREAS, these employees brought honor and dignity to the City of Alexandria, through their unique and selfless service as they do each and every day; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the value and the accomplishments of these professionals who have given their time to the people in the Gulf region;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize all City employees who gave of themselves to help those in need in the Gulf Region affected by Hurricane Katrina.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 22^{nd} day of November 2005.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk